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Missouri Area Labor Trends

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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment dropped further in April, as the spring seasonal improvement combined with improving economic conditions to produce a decrease of nine-tenths of a percentage point in the unemployment rate. The April rate of 5.3 percent is a full point lower than it was a year ago. The number of jobless Missourians decreased by more than 19,000 over the month and by nearly 21,000 over the year.

The state's unemployment rate is now at its lowest level since December 1979, near the beginning of the nearly back-to-back recessions which marked the early years of the 1980s. Although the rates are not yet quite as low as they were in corresponding months near the economic peak in 1979, unemployment has nearly recovered to prerecession levels.

Employment has grown substantially, with total civilian employment climbing by 53,700 between March and April and by 76,600 over the past year to 2,370,500. Nonfarm payroll employment was also up, increasing by 29,100 from March and 56,800 from April 1985 to 2,138,300 jobs. Both over-the-month and over-the-year changes were concentrated in the nonmanufacturing industries, as the manufacturing sector continued to experience small job losses. The largest of these declines was in electrical and electronic equipment manufacturing, where employment is down by 700 jobs from March and 2500 jobs from April 1985 to 48,500 jobs. Seasonal gains in construction, retail trade, and services helped propel nonmanufacturing employment up by more than 30,000 jobs in April. These same industries have also been experiencing underlying growth, with employment increasing by 10,900; 25,000; and 18,900 jobs, respectively, since April 1985.

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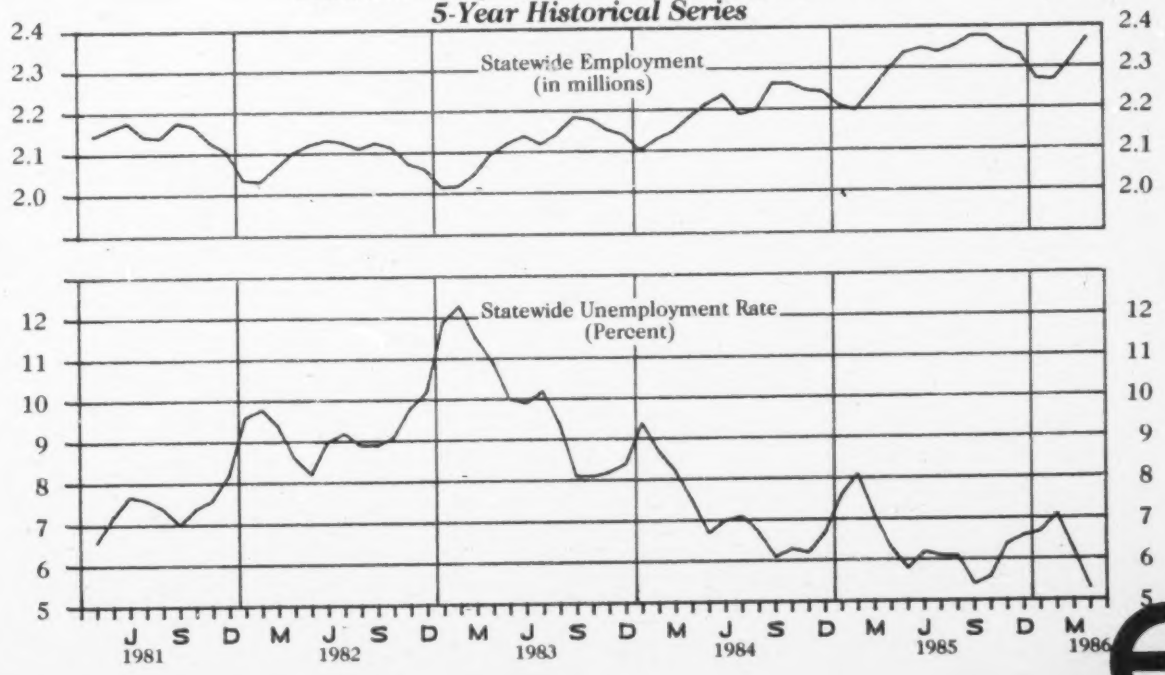

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - APR 1986 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - MAR 1986 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - APR 1985 (BENCHMARKED 1985)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2503058	2370495	132563	5.3	2468649	2316769	151880	6.2	2447335	2293869	153466	6.3
ST. LOUIS MSA	1226429	1151924	74505	6.1	1222026	1137949	84077	6.9	1201620	1112988	88632	7.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	789281	755332	33949	4.3	790653	751511	39142	5.0	802056	766676	35380	4.4
SPRINGFIELD MSA	116519	111429	5090	4.4	115524	110222	5302	4.6	112708	107013	5695	5.1
COLUMBIA MSA	60391	58810	1581	2.6	59393	57406	1987	3.3	59677	57503	2174	3.6
JOPLIN MSA	67507	64390	3117	4.6	66621	63094	3527	5.3	64545	60870	3675	5.7
ST. JOSEPH MSA	43002	40108	2894	6.7	42444	39120	3324	7.8	41342	38678	2664	6.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13881	13228	653	4.7	13699	12835	864	6.3	13997	13079	918	6.6
ANDREW	7686	7339	347	4.5	7743	7278	465	6.0	7067	6780	287	4.1
ATCHISON	3322	3191	131	3.9	3131	2963	168	5.4	3465	3243	222	6.4
AUDRAIN	10403	9756	647	6.2	10296	9594	702	6.8	11491	10288	1203	10.5
BARRY	12292	11767	525	4.3	12038	11427	611	5.1	11719	10952	767	6.5
BARTON	5507	5336	171	3.1	5340	5159	181	3.4	5342	5158	184	3.4
BATES	6473	6079	394	6.1	6442	5890	552	8.6	6520	6068	452	6.9
BENTON	5782	5421	361	6.2	5537	4965	572	10.3	5260	4946	314	6.0
BOLLINGER	3660	3284	376	10.3	3648	3145	503	13.8	3734	3252	482	12.9
BUTLER	15923	14443	1480	9.3	15861	14013	1848	11.7	16244	14576	1668	10.3
CALDWELL	3304	3130	174	5.3	3205	2954	251	7.8	3143	2951	192	6.1
CALLAWAY	14929	14149	780	5.2	14659	13802	857	5.8	15199	14013	1186	7.8
CAMDEN	14715	13996	719	4.9	13733	12718	1015	7.4	13735	12953	782	5.7
CAPE GIRARDEAU	33278	31974	1304	3.9	32595	31076	1519	4.7	31760	30254	1506	4.7
CARROLL	5486	5210	276	5.0	5339	4904	435	8.1	5117	4817	300	5.9
CARTER	2071	1777	294	14.2	1987	1654	333	16.8	2361	2074	287	12.2
CEDAR	5064	4838	226	4.5	4977	4644	333	6.7	5127	4716	411	8.0
CHARITON	5065	4832	233	4.6	4994	4707	287	5.7	5152	4905	247	4.8
CLARK	3992	3727	265	6.6	3742	3426	316	8.4	3641	3306	335	9.2
CLINTON	6298	5954	344	5.5	6167	5708	459	7.4	6502	6093	409	6.3
COLE/OSAGE LMA	39269	37668	1601	4.1	38502	36676	1826	4.7	37856	35795	2061	5.4
COOPER	6966	6633	333	4.8	6758	6306	452	6.7	6705	6245	460	6.9
CRAWFORD	6839	6268	571	8.3	6652	6010	642	9.7	6997	6310	687	9.8
DADE	2971	2822	149	5.0	2884	2705	179	6.2	2974	2823	151	5.1
DALLAS	4056	3756	300	7.4	3942	3581	361	9.2	3909	3500	409	10.5
DAVIESS	3897	3755	142	3.6	3715	3541	174	4.7	3867	3691	176	4.6
DEKALB	4183	3996	187	4.5	3946	3686	260	6.6	3903	3692	211	5.4
DENT	5789	5349	440	7.6	5590	5045	545	9.7	5415	4851	564	10.4
DOUGLAS	4971	4577	394	7.9	4998	4521	477	9.5	5257	4680	577	11.0
DUNKLIN	13979	12715	1264	9.0	13581	12170	1411	10.4	13921	12320	1601	11.5
GASCONADE	7310	6957	353	4.8	7027	6599	428	6.1	7071	6673	398	5.6
GENTRY	3302	3165	137	4.1	3183	3009	174	5.5	3358	3238	120	3.6
GRUNDY	5169	4862	307	5.9	5143	4859	284	5.5	5206	4840	366	7.0
HARRISON	5182	4927	255	4.9	4969	4617	352	7.1	4944	4716	228	4.6
HENRY	9000	8450	550	6.1	8845	8164	681	7.7	8574	8078	496	5.8
HICKORY	3191	3035	156	4.9	2928	2701	227	7.8	2525	2322	203	8.0
HOLT	2764	2668	96	3.5	2708	2554	154	5.7	2668	2573	95	3.6
HOWARD	4717	4518	199	4.2	4646	4410	236	5.1	4743	4472	271	5.7
HOWELL	12752	11682	1070	8.4	12507	11406	1101	8.8	13096	11858	1238	9.5
IRON	3582	3172	410	11.4	3588	3118	470	13.1	3719	3006	713	19.2
JOHNSON	17494	16934	560	3.2	17384	16661	723	4.2	18015	17460	555	3.1
KNOX	2256	2117	139	6.2	2203	2010	193	8.8	2247	2028	219	9.7
LACLEDE	11880	11132	748	6.3	11584	10697	887	7.7	12062	10995	1067	8.8
LAWRENCE	14115	13342	773	5.5	14036	13207	829	5.9	13800	12858	942	6.8

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LEWIS	5335	4878	457	8.6	5424	4872	552	10.2	5351	4934	417	7.8
LINCOLN	12212	11620	592	4.8	11748	10949	799	6.8	10347	9580	767	7.4
LINN	6787	6429	358	5.3	6730	6225	505	7.5	6744	6291	453	6.7
LIVINGSTON	6836	6528	308	4.5	6777	6314	463	6.8	6718	6242	476	7.1
MACON	8123	7652	471	5.8	7652	7012	640	8.4	7908	7409	499	6.3
MADISON	4281	3885	396	9.3	4137	3725	412	10.0	4164	3677	487	11.7
MARIES	3980	3710	270	6.8	3878	3594	284	7.3	3893	3644	249	6.4
MARION/RALLS LMA	19188	17880	1308	6.8	18439	17016	1423	7.7	17768	16525	1243	7.0
MCDONALD	8162	7811	351	4.3	7776	7278	498	6.4	7557	7137	420	5.6
MERCER	1730	1626	104	6.0	1657	1543	114	6.9	1746	1654	92	5.3
MILLER	10259	9479	780	7.6	9750	8640	1110	11.4	9617	8655	962	10.0
MISSISSIPPI	6242	5690	552	8.8	6272	5543	729	11.6	6377	5683	694	10.9
MONITEAU	6530	6175	355	5.4	6230	5767	463	7.4	6157	5762	395	6.4
MONROE	5313	5079	234	4.4	5166	4895	271	5.2	4708	4461	247	5.2
MONTGOMERY	5250	4900	350	6.7	4975	4604	371	7.5	5170	4690	480	9.3
MORGAN	7048	6599	449	6.4	6254	5692	562	9.0	7088	6609	479	6.8
NEW MADRID	9334	8524	810	8.7	9171	8226	945	10.3	9328	8239	1089	11.7
NODAWAY	10646	10307	339	3.2	10473	9977	496	4.7	10305	9923	382	3.7
OREGON	3708	3383	325	8.8	3590	3227	363	10.1	3854	3393	461	12.0
OZARK	3610	3395	215	6.0	3373	3088	285	8.4	3597	3283	314	8.7
PEMISCOT	9147	8388	759	8.3	8900	8033	867	9.7	8637	7882	755	8.7
PERRY	7979	7544	435	5.5	7939	7129	810	10.2	7588	7138	450	5.9
PETTIS	19419	18180	1239	6.4	18536	17200	1336	7.2	18287	16930	1357	7.4
PHELPS	16640	15871	769	4.6	16440	15556	884	5.4	15755	14853	902	5.7
PIKE	8748	8152	596	6.8	8495	7812	683	8.0	8057	7315	742	9.2
POLK	8989	8482	507	5.6	8998	8409	589	6.5	9237	8413	824	8.9
PULASKI	12610	11966	644	5.1	11978	11189	789	6.6	11577	10890	687	5.9
PUTNAM	2279	2177	102	4.5	2178	2044	134	6.2	2353	2188	165	7.0
RANDOLPH	12413	11464	949	7.6	12155	11377	778	6.4	11791	11006	785	6.7
REYNOLDS	1930	1632	298	15.4	1966	1614	352	17.9	1892	1505	387	20.5
RIPLEY	4612	4184	428	9.3	4257	3790	467	11.0	4314	3897	417	9.7
SALINE	12242	11720	522	4.3	11947	11353	594	5.0	12015	11462	553	4.6
SCOTLAND	2477	2375	102	4.1	2469	2321	148	6.0	2554	2410	144	5.6
SCOTT	18004	16770	1234	6.9	17945	16518	1427	8.0	17339	15926	1413	8.1
SHANNON	3202	2795	407	12.7	3050	2577	473	15.5	3447	2992	455	13.2
SHELBY	3674	3575	99	2.7	3644	3441	203	5.6	3620	3465	155	4.3
ST. CLAIR	3406	3237	169	5.0	3207	2990	217	6.8	3397	3159	238	7.0
ST. FRANCOIS	18355	17095	1260	6.9	17842	16352	1490	8.4	18353	16566	1787	9.7
STE. GENEVIEVE	7251	6794	457	6.3	7067	6528	539	7.6	6619	6123	496	7.5
STODDARD	13532	12384	1148	8.5	13192	11882	1310	9.9	12439	11385	1054	8.5
STONE	8931	8041	890	10.0	8113	6814	1299	16.0	9701	8583	1118	11.5
SULLIVAN	3649	3499	150	4.1	3599	3407	192	5.3	3534	3325	209	5.9
TANEY	15894	14699	1195	7.5	13715	11974	1741	12.7	14899	13580	1319	8.9
TEXAS	10027	8928	1099	11.0	9775	8586	1189	12.2	9666	8485	1181	12.2
VERNON	9242	8827	415	4.5	9132	8581	551	6.0	8989	8520	469	5.2
WARREN	9617	9174	443	4.6	9216	8672	544	5.9	8373	7935	438	5.2
WASHINGTON	6054	5339	715	11.8	6333	5513	820	12.9	6377	5384	993	15.6
WAYNE	4458	3866	592	13.3	4242	3569	673	15.9	4243	3739	504	11.9
WEBSTER	9987	9136	851	8.5	9727	8861	866	8.9	9513	8738	775	8.1
WORTH	1414	1379	35	2.5	1320	1249	71	5.4	1333	1287	46	3.5
WRIGHT	7135	6377	758	10.6	7055	6257	798	11.3	7273	6445	828	11.4

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
April, 1986

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2138.3	2109.2	2081.5									
Total Manufacturing	425.8	426.8	429.4	396.77	400.36	380.00	40.2	40.4	40.0	9.87	9.91	9.50
Durable Goods	243.4	244.3	245.2	444.70	451.50	420.45	41.6	42.0	41.1	10.69	10.75	10.23
Lumber & Wood Products	9.8	10.0	10.3	257.81	252.80	233.31	40.6	39.5	38.5	6.36	6.40	6.06
Furniture & Fixtures	10.2	10.3	10.2	313.34	310.38	295.92	42.4	42.0	41.1	7.39	7.39	7.20
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.4	11.2	11.1	468.26	427.52	435.93	43.6	40.6	42.2	10.74	10.53	10.33
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	520.88	509.38	538.10	38.3	37.9	39.8	13.60	13.44	13.52
Structural Clay Prod.	1.9	1.9	1.9	532.00	512.09	461.64	42.8	41.0	39.9	12.43	12.49	11.57
Primary Metal Industries	12.5	12.5	13.2	432.68	444.72	429.95	40.4	40.8	39.7	10.71	10.90	10.83
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.6	1.7	1.9	385.12	380.21	341.05	40.2	39.4	38.8	9.58	9.65	8.79
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.1	326.81	331.89	326.61	40.8	41.8	41.5	8.01	7.94	7.87
Fabricated Metal Products	28.2	28.4	28.6	406.37	406.31	387.84	40.8	41.0	40.4	9.96	9.91	9.60
Structural Metal Prod.	11.3	11.2	10.8	395.09	382.40	367.64	40.9	40.0	40.4	9.66	9.56	9.10
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.0	30.8	31.9	419.15	420.99	387.09	41.5	41.6	39.1	10.10	10.12	9.90
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	48.5	49.2	51.0	374.66	387.49	380.89	40.2	41.8	41.0	9.32	9.27	9.29
Transportation Equipment	72.7	72.9	69.9	607.17	627.73	576.41	43.4	44.3	43.9	13.99	14.17	13.13
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	37.0	37.2	33.7	636.25	672.98	625.18	44.4	46.0	45.6	14.33	14.63	13.71
Instruments & Related Prod.	12.1	12.1	11.9	308.48	313.63	281.58	39.6	39.6	39.0	7.79	7.92	7.22
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.1	7.0	7.2	259.96	268.62	231.11	38.8	39.1	35.5	6.70	6.87	6.51
Nondurable Goods	182.4	182.5	184.2	333.21	332.83	326.87	38.3	38.3	38.5	8.70	8.69	8.49
Food & Kindred Products	45.7	45.3	44.0	386.37	382.24	382.85	40.5	39.9	40.3	9.54	9.58	9.50
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.3	1230	11.4	288.55	272.22	260.04	40.3	39.0	39.7	7.16	6.98	6.55
Dairy Products	6.2	6.3	6.1	414.12	421.45	390.27	40.6	42.7	42.1	10.20	9.87	9.27
Grain Mill Products	7.3	7.4	7.1	406.81	410.47	418.20	40.6	40.6	41.0	10.02	10.11	10.20
Bakery Products	5.5	5.5	5.3	410.87	380.60	365.04	40.4	38.6	36.0	10.17	9.86	10.14
Beverages	9.9	9.6	9.5	543.38	544.28	610.83	37.5	36.9	41.3	14.49	14.75	14.79

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Textile & Apparel	23.5	23.6	25.0	199.72	197.32	190.16	35.1	34.8	34.7	5.69	5.67	5.48
Paper & Allied Products	13.2	13.1	13.4	390.46	394.70	375.96	40.8	41.2	40.6	9.57	9.58	9.26
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.9	6.8	6.7	402.82	406.43	396.25	41.7	41.6	41.5	9.66	9.77	9.50
Printing & Publishing	40.9	41.1	40.2	381.22	383.18	366.44	38.9	39.1	37.7	9.80	9.80	9.72
Commercial Printing	13.5	13.6	12.8	446.35	457.55	428.58	40.8	41.9	39.5	10.94	10.92	10.85
Chemicals & Allied	28.8	28.8	29.5	434.40	443.90	447.26	40.0	40.8	41.8	10.86	10.88	10.70
Leather & Leather Products	17.0	17.2	18.0	178.15	176.00	186.39	31.7	32.0	34.2	5.62	5.50	5.45
Footwear Exc. Rubber	13.6	13.8	14.6	170.90	170.13	180.54	31.3	31.8	34.0	5.46	5.35	5.31
Total Nonmanufacturing												
Mining	6.2	6.0	6.5									
Construction	100.7	94.0	89.8									
Transportation & Public Util.	142.7	142.2	141.1									
Railroad Transportation	17.9	17.9	15.1									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	70.1	69.4	71.8									
Communications	54.8	54.9	54.2									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	523.2	512.9	499.9									
Wholesale Trade	129.5	129.7	131.2									
Retail Trade	393.7	383.2	368.7									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	123.3	122.0	119.4									
Services	476.3	466.1	457.4									
Government	340.2	339.2	337.9									
Federal Government	70.4	71.1	69.8									
State & Local Government	269.8	268.1	268.1									

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covery from the recessions of the early '80s. Total civilian employment is now at its highest April level in the 16 yer history of the data series, with only the levels of last September and October surpassing the current level. The current estimate of nonfarm payroll employment it at an all-time high. The weakness, of course, is in the manufacturing industries, where current employment of 425,800 is some 46,000 jobs below the peak reached in June 1979.

The factory workweek slipped back two-tenths of an hour to 40.2 hours in April, but this is an increase of two-tenths of an hour from the year-ago level. Average earnings in the month edged down with the workweek to $9.87 an hour an $396.77 a week. Over the past year, average hourly earnings are up 37 cents, while average weekly earnings are up by 4.4 percent from April 1985's $380.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The national unemployment rate has fallen back only slightly since jumping sharply in February. The civilian rate is now 7.1 percent, on a seaonally adjusted basis, having dropped only one-tneth of a percentage point in each of the past two months.

Payroll employment has continued to grow at a moderate pace, climbing by 200,000 jobs in April and by almost 1 million jobs in the first four months of the year, on a seasonally adjusted basis. The growth has been in the service-producing industries, as the goods-producing industries, on balance, have shown little change over the past several months. Mining employment, led by oil and gas extraction, has shown the sharpest declines, with manufacturing eaging down slightly. Construction is the only industry group in the goods-producing sector to have shown some increase.

Gross national product grew faster in the first quarter than originally estimated, according to the Commerce Department's latest revision. The increase — to an annual rate of 3.7 percent — apparently reflects greater inventory building than previously estimated, rather than a stronger economy. Indeed, an inventory correction in the current quarter could lead to a lower estimated rate of economic growth in this quarter.

Outlook

Although the current quarter could see a slowdown in the estimated rate of economic growth, most forecasters seem to expect a pickup in the latter half of the year. The index of leading economic indicators has been pointing strongly upward in recent months, and the economy is expected to get a boost from the recent lower oil prices and interest rates. Although some improvement in manufacturing employment might be experienced as a result of increasingly competitive prices of American-made goods in world markets, most growth will still occur in the nonmanufacturing industries.

May usually brings some further seasonal gains in employment and reduction in unemployment. June's increase in employment, however, will be accompanied by a surge in unemployment, as students and recent graduats entering the labor force may not immediately find work. Moderate reductions usually occur in the other summer months, with substantial seasonal improvement accompanying the reopening of schools in September.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — April, 1986

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,503,100	2,468,700	2,447,400	34,400	55,700
Total Employed	2,370,500	2,316,800	2,293,900	53,700	76,600
Total Unemployed	132,600	151,900	153,500	-19,300	-20,900
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	5.3	6.2	6.3	-0.9	-1.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,138,300	2,109,200	2,081,500	29,100	56,800
Manufacturing	425,800	426,800	429,400	-1,000	-3,600
Durable Goods	243,400	244,300	245,200	-900	-1,800
Nondurable Goods	182,400	182,500	184,200	-100	-1,800
Nonmanufacturing	1,712,600	1,682,400	1,652,000	30,200	60,600
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	7,770	7,417	7,658	353	112
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	49,060	54,976	46,651	-5,916	2,409
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.9	2.5	-0.6	-0.2
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,850	3,718	4,316	132	-466
Amount of Benefits Paid	$19,059,977	$22,020,305	$17,067,143	-$2,960,328	$1,992,834
State U.I.	18,765,177	21,686,610	16,776,468	-2,921,433	1,988,709
UCFE	138,626	153,137	133,159	-14,511	-5,467
UCX	156,174	180,558	157,516	-24,384	-1,342

Prepared in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

April, 1986

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The Kansas City Area's unemployment rate fell for the third consecutive month of the year to 4.3 per cent of the labor force in April 1986. Seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector produced an overall drop in the number of jobless of 5,200 and the seven-tenths of one per cent drop in the rate. The drop in the number of unemployed was reflected in an increase of 3,800 in the number of employed and a decline of 1,400 in the civilian labor force. The number of payroll jobs grew by 4,900 as a result of seasonal gains in Retail Trade, Construction, State and Local Government and Transportation.

Wage and salaried employment in April 1986 was 700,600, up by 4,900 from the March 1986 total of 695,700. The Nonmanufacturing sector continues to lead in producing job expansion in the Area, with more than 90 per cent of the net job growth over-the-month. Leading among the Area's industries was Retail Trade with 2,000 jobs added over-the-month, primarily in eating and drinking establishments. Following closely behind in job growth, was Construction which added another 1,700 jobs across all types of construction. Transportation, Communications and Utilities, boosted by employment increases in the trucking industries, added another 500 jobs. State and Local Government, which began its normal spring build-up for summer programs, also added 500 jobs. Smaller employment increases were posted in most other Nonmanufacturing industries except Wholesale Trade, which lost 200 jobs and Federal Government, which dropped by 400 jobs, mostly temporary seasonal jobs.

Among the Manufacturing industries, most eployment changes were small. Stone, Clay and Glass and Food and Kindred each added 300 jobs. Smaller increases were registered in Lumber and Furniture, Primary Metals, Transportation, Apparel, Paper and Chemicals. Electrical Equipment was one of the two industries showing a loss over-the-month, with 500 fewer jobs, mostly as a result of layoffs in electronic components. Machinery produced the other small loss within Manufacturing.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 4,600 from April 1985 to April 1986, despite the loss of 1,200 jobs in Durable Goods Manufacturing and a loss of 300 in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing increased by 6,200 over the period. Retail Trade continued to make substantial gains over-the-year ago levels with another 4,600 jobs added, mainly in eating and drinking establishments. State and Local Government also posted an increase of 2,100 jobs over-the-year as a result of additional jobs in local schools. Other industries showing over-the-year advances were Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, with 1,000 jobs, Transportation, Communications and Utilities, with 800 jobs and Federal Government with 400 jobs. Several Nonmanufacturing industries showed some losses over-the-year. Services was down by 1,800 from year ago levels, with most of the decline accounted for by lower job levels in recreational services and to some extent hotels and religious membership organizations. Construction, despite its monthly gains, fell below last year's level by 1,500 jobs.

The Manufacturing sector showed little improvement over last year's figures. Over the month losses added to the continuing losses showing in Electrical Equipment, which fell below April 1985 figures by another 1,500. Other losses were recorded in Machinery with 300 losses, Printing, down by 200 and Primary Metals, down by 200. These losses were only partially offset by modest gains in Chemicals, Stone, Clay and Glass, Paper, Transportation and Lumber and Furniture.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 34,000 in April 1986 for 4.3 per cent of the labor force, compared with 39,200 in March 1985 for 5.0 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The unemployment rate for the Kansas City Area is expected to fall in May 1986, as seasonal increase continue to play a dominant role in boosting the Area's economy. Jobs in Construction, Services and Retail Trade will contribute the bulk of the employment increases over-the-month. Layoffs of tax processors will continue to lower Federal Government employment. Unemployment is expected to be 3.8 per cent of the labor force in May 1983, compared to 4.3 per cent in April 1986.

The entry of summer job seekers into the Area's labor market will push the unemployment well over 4.0 per cent of the labor force in June 1986. Employment will continue to increase in Construction, Services and Retail Trade as summer activities begin. Government employment will decline as many school personnel and the remaining temporary Federal tax processors are laid off. Unemployment is expected to be 4.5 per cent of the labor force in June 1986.

Kansas City Area - Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 34,004

applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of April 1986. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics	Per Cent
Age: Under 22	18.3
22-44	65.6
45 and over	16.1
Sex: Male	61.5
Female	38.5
Racial or Ethnic Group	
Black	30.4
Other Non-White	1.0
Hispanic	2.0
Miscellaneous Characteristics	**Per Cent**
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	47.6
Veterans	18.6
Handicapped	2.1

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated April 30, 1986.

Job Placements

During April 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 11,148 and job placements totaled 2,247. There were 2,024 veteran referrals in April 1986, with 344 veteran placements. During March 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,566 and job placements totaled 1,626. There were 1,803 veteran referrals in March 1986, with 307 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated April 30, 1986.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) April 1986

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.9	14.4	15.2
25-34	40.1	34.8	37.7
35-44	21.4	24.7	22.9
45-54	12.7	15.6	14.0
55-64	9.0	8.8	8.9
65 and over	1.0	1.8	1.3
Unreported	0.0	0.0	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.4
Mining	0.2
Construction	9.5
Manufacturing	29.9
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	7.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	19.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.0
Services	29.2
All Other	1.6
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	9.3
Clerical	18.0
Sales	3.9
Services	13.3
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.5
Processing	1.8
Machine Trades	7.6
Benchwork	12.7
Structural Work	9.6
Miscellaneous	14.9
Information not available	8.4

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 6,644; 3,647 were male and 2,997 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1985)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** April, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	700,600	695,700	696,000	+4,900	+4,600
Total Manufacturing	118,700	118,300	120,300	+400	-1,600
Durable Goods	67,700	67,800	68,900	-100	-1,200
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,300	3,200	+100	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4,200	3,900	3,900	+300	+300
Primary Metal Industries	3,600	3,500	3,800	+100	-200
Fabricated Metal Products	9,400	9,400	9,400	0	0
Machinery Except Electrical	7,600	7,700	7,900	-100	-300
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,100	20,600	21,600	-500	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	15,500	15,400	15,300	+100	+200
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(15,200)	(15,200)	(15,000)	(0)	(+200)
Other Durable Goods	4,000	3,900	3,800	+100	+200
Nondurable Goods	51,000	50,600	51,300	+400	-300
Food & Kindred Products	9,300	9,000	9,000	+300	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,500	2,400	2,600	+100	-100
Paper & Allied Products	5,700	5,600	5,500	+100	+200
Printing & Publishing	19,800	19,800	20,000	0	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,800	8,700	8,300	+100	+500
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4,300	4,400	5,100	-100	-800
Total Nonmanufacturing	581,900	577,400	575,700	+4,500	+6,200
Mining & Quarrying	500	400	500	-100	0
Construction	29,100	27,400	30,600	+1,700	-1,500
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	53,700	53,200	52,900	+500	+800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	186,900	185,200	182,300	+1,700	+4,600
Wholesale Trade	(55,800)	(56,000)	(55,900)	(-200)	(-100)
Retail Trade	(131,100)	(129,100)	(126,500)	(+2,000)	(+4,600)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	52,600	52,400	51,100	+200	+1,500
Services	151,800	151,700	153,600	+100	-1,800
Government	107,200	107,100	104,700	+100	+2,500
Federal Government	(29,300)	(29,700)	(28,900)	(-400)	(+400)
State & Local Government	(77,900)	(77,400)	(75,800)	(+500)	(+2,100)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	200	200	-100	-100

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$439.79	$444.89	$455.26	39.8	39.9	41.5	$11.05	$11.15	$10.97
Durable Goods	471.22	474.42	493.24	39.9	39.7	41.8	11.81	11.95	11.80
Lumber & Furniture	264.95	257.53	310.08	35.0	34.2	40.8	7.57	7.53	7.60
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	419.97	389.06	482.60	38.6	36.6	39.3	10.88	10.63	12.28
Primary Metal Industries	393.46	471.86	465.95	33.6	37.9	38.7	11.71	12.45	12.04
Fabricated Metal Products	385.92	385.19	374.22	38.4	38.1	39.6	10.05	10.11	9.45
Machinery Exc. Electrical	408.77	407.74	408.75	38.6	38.0	39.8	10.59	10.73	10.27
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	418.08	413.39	471.09	39.0	38.1	41.8	10.72	10.85	11.27
Transportation Equipment	684.28	698.25	691.15	44.9	45.4	46.2	15.24	15.38	14.96
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(689.66)	(703.89)	(696.35)	(44.9)	(45.5)	(46.3)	(15.36)	(15.47)	(15.04)
Other Durable Goods	248.29	240.44	265.34	36.3	35.1	36.1	6.84	6.85	7.35
Nondurable Goods	387.89	397.36	388.42	39.[illegible]	40.3	40.8	9.82	9.86	9.52
Food & Kindred Products	417.69	409.77	407.97	43.6	43.5	41.8	9.58	9.42	9.76
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	189.04	191.99	188.51	35.4	36.5	34.4	5.34	5.26	5.48
*Paper & Allied Products	426.97	452.24	384.70	42.4	44.6	41.1	10.07	10.14	9.36
Printing & Publishing	405.38	415.94	417.25	38.1	38.8	39.4	10.64	10.72	10.59
Chemicals & Allied Products	417.75	433.70	487.29	36.2	37.1	43.9	11.54	11.69	11.10
Petroleum & Coal Products	452.83	449.32	344.45	35.6	36.5	37.4	12.72	12.31	9.21
Other Nondurable Goods	302.00	303.06	304.59	40.0	40.3	42.6	7.55	7.52	7.15

* This series excludes industry 2771.
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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

April, 1986

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate continued to register significant declines in April. Unemployment was down by 9,600 and employment rose by 14,000 to stand at 1,151,900. Continued job creation in construction, trade and services was responsible for the improvement. Declining fuel prices and interest rates have caused many area firms involved in residential development and tourism to prepare for expected improved business during the warm weather months. Labor force growth, fueled previously by many new and reentrants coming into the work force, has also slowed over the past few months. This slowdown, coupled with continued employment growth, has meant there are now somewhat better job prospects for those currently unemployed. Over the year, unemployment declined by 14,100 and employment rose 38,900. The unemployment rate in April, 1985 was 7.4%. Job creation over the past 12 months continued to occur almost entirely in non-manufacturing. Services, the area's largest industry, added 8,000 workers during this period. There were 1,800 labor disputants in April and March and less than 50 in April, 1985.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose by 200 over the month. Increasing construction activity caused seasonal gains in lumber and stone. The only other durable goods industry to report an employment increase was nonelectrical machinery which rose 100. A labor dispute continued to affect 300 workers in primary metals. In nondurables a seasonal increase occurred in the beverage sector. Beer and soft drink producers both recorded increases of 100 each. Small gains were reported by printing and petroleum. Chemicals and leather both continued to decline. Over the year, manufacturing has added 700 workers. Motor vehicles registered the largest increase (+3100). A model changeover shutdown in April, 1985 caused 1700 motor vehicle workers to be on

temporary layoff. Aircraft and parts, up 700, continued to be the only other manufacturing industry to report a significant employment gain. Small job additions occurred in lumber, electronics, stone and food. Primary metals, down, 1400, suffered the largest job loss. This industry continues to reduce employment levels through layoff and attrition. The chemical industry, affected by a work force reduction program at one area employer, has lost 900 jobs over the past 12 months.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing rose 9300 over the month. Spring weather conditions and lower interest rates caused employment gains in construction and finance, insurance and real estate. Real estate was responsible for 500 of the 700 increase in the F.I.R.E. industry while all sectors of construction reported significant gains. Seasonal job creation also occurred in transportation, retail trade, and services. Trucking added 400 workers while air transportation continued to be affected by a labor dispute. In retail trade, 1900 of the 2300 total industry increase occurred in eating and drinking establishments. Service gains were reported by lawn and plant care service companies, hotels, and amusement and recreation facilities. Over the year, nonmanufacturing added 19,900 workers. The construction industry rose 4000 over last year's strong level. In retail trade, all sectors reported gains. The largest increases occurred in department stores (+1200) and eating and drinking establishments (+1500). Increased home buying and loan application activity caused the 3500 gain in finance, insurance and real estate. Service sectors reporting significant gains were health care (+2800), business services (+1900) and miscellaneous professional services (+1200). In transportation, trucking (-600) continued to be affected by deregulation and consolidations. Budget constraints and public health care consolidation caused a 1400 worker reduction in state and local government.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in May, 1986 is expected to be 6.0%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Jan. '86	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Mining	34	60	32	59
Construction	3316	4576	3077	1854
Manufacturing	4255	4661	4447	3669
Public Utilities	767	973	817	856
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2280	2800	2521	2176
Finance	267	312	305	262
Services	5991	6597	6129	5268
All Other	476	503	333	267
TOTAL	17386	20485	17666	14411

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Jan. '86	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1725	1875	1679	1595
Clerical	2340	2580	2443	2211
Sales	614	662	695	578
Farm, Fish & Forest	288	321	227	114
Processing	348	398	409	347
Machine Trades	1272	1482	1365	1110
Bench Work	825	948	864	684
Structural Work	2329	2733	2116	1549
Misc. Work	2275	2811	2416	1955
Service	2342	2739	2529	2033
INA	3028	3936	2923	2235
TOTAL	17386	20485	17666	14411

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.4	1.7
Clerical	15.8	12.7
Sales	14.8	17.3
Processing	1.7	2.1
Machine Trades	4.4	3.9
Bench Work	3.4	4.1
Structural Work	11.1	13.0
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.8	3.5
Packaging & Material Handling	8.9	11.7
Domestic	1.0	0.9
Other Services	27.4	28.0
Other Occupations	4.3	1.2

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current: April, 1986**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,079,600	1,070,000	1,058,900	+9,600	+20,700
Percent Change				+(0.9)	+(2.0)
Manufacturing	224,700	224,500	224,000	+200	+700
Durable Goods	141,900	141,800	139,300	+100	+2,600
Lumber & Furniture	4,800	4,700	4,600	+100	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,600	3,400	3,500	+200	+100
Primary Metal Industries	13,300	13,300	14,700	0	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,100	17,100	17,400	0	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,100	18,000	18,200	+100	-100
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,600	15,600	15,400	0	+200
Transportation Equipment	56,700	56,800	52,600	-100	+4,100
Motor Vehicles	21,800	22,000	18,700	-200	+3,100
Aircraft & Parts	28,700	28,700	28,000	0	+700
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,800	12,800	12,900	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	82,800	82,700	84,700	+100	-1,900
Food & Kindred Products	21,300	20,900	21,200	+400	+100
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Beverages	8,400	8,200	8,300	+200	+100
Textiles & Apparel	6,000	6,100	6,700	-100	-700
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,600	16,500	16,700	+100	-100
Chemical & Allied Products	20,300	20,500	21,200	-200	-900
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,700	2,800	+100	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,500	4,600	4,700	-100	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,700	5,600	-100	0
Nonmanufacturing	854,800	845,500	834,900	+9,300	+19,900
Mining	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100
Construction	55,400	52,500	51,800	+2,900	+4,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	71,400	71,000	72,700	+400	-1,300
Railroads	4,700	4,700	5,100	0	-400
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,400	37,900	39,500	+500	-1,100
Communications & Public Utilities	28,300	28,400	28,000	-100	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	256,100	253,800	250,000	+2,300	+6,100
Wholesale Trade	64,700	64,800	64,900	-100	-200
Retail Trade	191,300	189,000	185,100	+2,300	+6,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	67,600	66,900	64,100	+700	+3,500
Service, Except Domestic	261,800	258,800	253,800	+3,000	+8,000
Total Government	138,800	138,900	139,200	-100	-400
Total Federal Government	38,300	38,400	37,300	-100	+1,000
Total State & Local Government	100,500	100,500	101,900	0	-1,400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1,800	1,800	0	0	+1,800

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — **Month and Year of Current Data:** April, 1986

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$458.18	$463.81	$441.60	40.8	40.9	40.0	$11.23	$11.34	$11.04
Durable Goods	481.82	491.15	466.49	41.5	41.8	40.6	11.61	11.75	11.49
Lumber & Furniture	348.10	322.50	330.33	39.2	36.4	38.5	8.88	8.86	8.58
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	426.97	355.70	363.73	39.1	34.5	35.8	10.92	10.31	10.16
Primary Metal Industries	439.77	429.87	465.23	41.1	40.1	39.9	10.70	10.72	11.66
Fabricated Metal Products	426.30	425.77	425.99	40.6	40.9	41.0	10.50	10.41	10.39
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	465.50	469.25	437.98	41.6	41.6	39.6	11.19	11.28	11.06
Elect & Electronic Equip.	390.76	388.88	328.90	42.8	42.5	38.2	9.13	9.15	8.61
Transportation Equipment	610.73	639.80	615.33	43.1	44.4	44.3	14.17	14.41	13.89
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	301.92	312.61	273.93	37.0	37.8	34.5	8.16	8.27	7.94
Nondurable Goods	411.73	412.65	398.34	39.4	39.3	38.9	10.45	10.50	10.24
Food & Kindred Products	499.79	508.82	480.68	41.0	41.3	39.4	12.19	12.32	12.20
Textiles & Apparel	212.35	207.46	200.01	33.6	33.3	33.9	6.32	6.23	5.90
Paper & Paper Products	472.00	424.15	384.81	42.7	42.8	41.2	10.00	9.91	9.34
Printing & Publishing	389.12	389.44	380.51	38.0	37.7	36.8	10.24	10.33	10.34
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	479.04	487.40	468.30	40.7	41.2	42.0	11.77	11.83	11.15
Petroleum & Coal Products	546.06	584.18	591.18	39.2	40.4	42.5	13.93	14.46	13.91
Leather & Leather Products	188.03	189.38	183.46	32.7	33.4	34.1	5.75	5.67	5.38
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 1,000 from March to reach 116,500 in April. Approximately 5,100 persons were unemployed in April, down 200 during the 30 day period. The April rate of unemployment, estimated at 4.4 percent, is the lowest monthly figure since December, 1979 at which time the same percentage of the labor force was out-of-work.

During April 1985, there were 5,700 unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 5.1 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment, estimated at 100,500, rose 500 from March. April is the third consecutive month in which the total number of nonagricultural wage and salaried jobs show an increase from the previous month.

Manufacturing employment edged up 100 from March reaching 19,000 in April. During the most recent twelve months, a reduction of 600 manufacturing jobs is noted.

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 81,000 in March to 81,500 in April. Industries recording significant changes in employment levels from March include: transportation and utilities, up 100; trade, up 400; and state and local government, down 100. Since April 1985, nonmanufacturing jobs areup 2,200. The most significant increases during the one year period occurred in services and trade.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose three-cents from March to reach $9.01 in April. Increased hourly earnings in the durable goods manufacturing industries were somewhat off-set by a drop in earnings in the nondurable segment. The manufacturing workweek fell from 41.8 hours in March to 39.8 hours

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current: April, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	100,500	100,000	99,000	+500	+1,500
Manufacturing	19,000	18,900	19,600	+100	-600
Durable Goods	9,700	9,700	10,400	0	-700
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Other Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	9,400	-100	-700
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,200	9,200	+100	+100
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,700	1,600	-100	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,900	3,700	3,700	+200	+200
Nonmanufacturing	81,500	81,100	79,400	+400	+2,100
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	+200
Transportation & Utilities	5,900	5,800	5,300	+100	-400
Trade	27,800	27,400	27,200	+400	+600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
Services	25,600	25,600	24,000	0	+1,600
Government	13,300	13,400	13,200	-100	+100
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,600	11,700	11,500	-100	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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in April.

During April 1985, manufacturing workers hourly wage was estimated at $8.75 and the average factory work week came to 40.5 hours.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Seasonal influences in construction, trade and services will provide the buoyancy for an overall moderate increase in Payrolled employment during May. Housing starts continue to be well above the corresponding month of 1985. The 169 one-family permits issued in Springfield and unincorporated areas of Greene county during April was the largest number of starts for any one month in over seven years. Employment gains in the trade and service industries seems likely during May in response to the tourist season.

Unemployment will continue on the downward during May. This decline will probably level off in June when students enter the labor force at the close of the school term.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$358.60	$375.36	$354.38	39.8	41.8	40.5	$9.01	$8.98	$8.75
Durable Goods	346.32	364.53	342.66	40.6	43.5	40.6	8.53	8.38	8.44
Nondurable Goods	374.22	389.24	373.01	38.9	39.8	40.5	9.62	9.78	9.21
Food & Kindred Products	404.53	394.06	379.36	38.6	38.0	40.4	10.48	10.37	9.39
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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